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January 18, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NSC Semiannual Review of the Intelligence Community

As a result of the National Security Council's semiannual review of the Intelligence Community, the President believes that Executive Order 11905 is adequately meeting the objectives which he intended at the time of its promulgation. While the President is in agreement with the general satisfaction of the National Security Council with the quality of the intelligence product, he expects continued efforts to make further improvements. In particular, he has directed the following additional actions:

- The Intelligence Community, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, should jointly assess the impact of the Attorney General's guidelines on foreign intelligence activities with a view toward recommending changes which would improve intelligence collection capability in light of the practical experience gained since the promulgation of Executive Order 11905.
- The Central Intelligence Agency and Department of State should provide an assessment of the environment and scope for special activities in support of foreign policy objectives. The principle question to be addressed is the degree to which opportunities for special activities in support of important foreign policy objectives exist and might otherwise be pursued if the risk of unauthorized disclosure could be reduced.

These assessments should be submitted to the President by March 1, 1977.

  
Brent Scowcroft

cc: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Attorney General

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Executive Secretary

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**Remarks:**

Reference attached 23 Feb 77, Suspense Item.

We have been notified to suspend any action on the attached pending a broader Policy Review Memorandum (PRM) which is to be issued shortly. The PRM is expected to call for a major review of all aspects of intelligence organization, including the aspects highlighted in Brent Scowcroft's 18 January memorandum.

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